

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A system for restricting access to television programs comprising:

an input for accepting cursor movement and selection commands;

a display that depicts a two dimensional matrix composed of rows and columns of tiles, wherein either the rows of tiles or the columns of tiles correspond to overall program ratings and either the rows of tiles or the columns of tiles correspond to specific program content indications and depicts highlighting of individual tiles or groups of tiles based on the cursor movement commands; and

means for blocking or allowing viewing of television programs based on the overall program ratings and specific content ratings of the rows and columns corresponding to the highlighted tiles when a selection command is entered into the input.

3. (Amended) The system of claim 2 wherein the specific program content indication comprises one or more of the group of L, language, V, violence, MV, mild violence, FV, fantasy violence, BN, brief nudity, N- , nudity, S, sexual content, AS, adult situations, D, and suggestive dialog.

4. (Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the specific program content indication comprises one or more of the group of L, language, V, violence, MV, mild violence, FV, fantasy violence, BN, brief nudity, N. nudity, S, sexual content, AS,

adult situations, D, and suggestive dialog.

6. (Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the display depicts a menu including lists of users entered in a user database, ~~the~~ and a combination of highlighted individual titles or group of titles of the matrix varying according to user.

10. (Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the means for blocking or allowing viewing comprises a circuitry connected between a television signal input and the display enables ~~blocking or allows viewing of particular television programs based on the overall program ratings and specific content ratings of the rows or columns corresponding to the highlighted titles.~~

11. (Amended) A method of restricting access to television programs comprising:

inputting cursor movement and selection commands;

displaying a two dimensional matrix composed of rows and columns of tiles, wherein either the rows of tiles or the columns of tiles correspond to overall program ratings and either the rows of tiles or the columns of tiles correspond to specific program content indications and depicts highlighting of individual tiles or groups of tiles based on the cursor movement commands; and

blocking or allowing viewing of television programs based on the overall program ratings and specific content ratings of the rows and columns corresponding the highlighted tiles when a selection command is entered into the input.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising activating ~~Activating~~ or deactivating a title corresponding to one of the overall program ratings to block or enable a particular program rating.

13. (Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising activating ~~Activating~~ or deactivating a title corresponding to one of specific program content indications to block or enable a particular program content indication.